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## IN THE CLAIMS

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Kindly amend the claims to read as follows:

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(currently amended): A <u>cationic liquid dispersion</u> copolymer derived from the emulsion polymerization, <u>characterized in that it consists essentially</u> of

(a) a cationic monomer of formula (I),

$$R_{1}-CH = C - C - C - CH_{2} - CH_{2} - CH_{3} - CH_{4} - CH_{4} - CH_{5} - CH_{5$$

wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen or methyl,

R₂ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

 $R_3$ ,  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  are independently from each other hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl, n is a integer from 1 – 5, and

Y is a counterion,

and

(b) a monomer of formula (II)

$$R_6-CH=C-C-N < R_9 R_7$$
 (II)

wherein

R<sub>6</sub> signifies hydrogen or methyl,

R<sub>7</sub> signifies hydrogen or methyl, and

 $R_8$  and  $R_9$  signify independently from each other hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl, with the proviso that at least one of the substituents  $R_6$ ,  $R_8$  and  $R_9$  is  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl,

and

- (c) optionally at least one cross-linking agent, which contains at least two ethylenically unsaturated moieties.
- (currently amended): A copolymer according to Claim 1 characterized in that it consists
  <u>essentially</u> of